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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

In the light of the CIBJO Cape town Declaration of 2007 and following the CIBJO Congress held in Dubai on 14-16 April 2008 addressing the 2008 AMR theme on sustainable development, where the jewellery industry was present in force, it was noted that there is a need to accelerate progress by the industry in implementing corporate social responsibility with a major focus on assisting the achievement of the MDGS. At the occasion of the Congress, members of CIBJO have agreed to:

1. Bring their full support to the ECOSOC 2008 AMR theme of "implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development";

2. Launch, in order to support sustainable development and a viable and sustainable jewellery industry in developing countries, the "*World Jewellery Confederation Educational Foundation*";

3. Financing and administration of activities by the *Foundation* which ensures that educational and training programmes are formulated by CIBJO's selected experts;

4. Promote in these educational programmes Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) within the scope of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and of sustainable development;

5. Give access to these educational and training courses on CSR/MDGs to the jewellery industry worldwide at the grassroots level, particularly in developing countries, to contribute to the Millennium Development Goals and to engender Corporate Social Responsibility as part of the industry's corporate strategy to assist in bringing about sustainable economic and social development;

6. Make available these training courses to UNDP field offices involved in CSR projects, in order to be transferred and adapted for their local initiatives;

7. Approve the launching, since January 2008 of a CIBJO task force and Group of Experts on CSR/MDG with the mandate to produce a plan of action and recommendations for the design and development of CSR/MDG training courses and pedagogical material;

8. Express its gratitude for the support UNDESA and UN-NGO-IRENE have provided to CIBJO's Group of Experts during its meetings held at UNDESA in New York on 2325 February 2008;

9. Encourage the implementation of the March 2008 Group of Experts report proposing a framework for education and training programmes at CIBJO on CSR/MDGs, which could lead to the creation of a Centre of excellence on CSR/MDG and serve the whole jewellery industry;

10. Support the Foundation's leadership in its efforts to finalize the first CSR/MDG training modules to be evaluated for accreditation by UNITAR, and offered at the Centre of Excellence on CSR/MDG for the industry and civil society worldwide;

11. Undertake data collection on the industry's needs assessment, mobilize CSR/MDG experts worldwide and broadcast on CIBJO's website its actions taken in support of sustainable development, including CIBJO's members best practices on Corporate social responsibility and on their follow up actions concerning the ECOSOC 2008 AMR theme of "implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development";

12. Encourage CIBJO's leadership to pursue initiatives in support of and implementing the Cape town Declaration of 2007, in particular:

(a) The role of the jewellery industry in promoting social corporate responsibilities, by seeking to develop programmes that produce decent employment, decent work environment and sustainable development;

(b) CIBJO's recognition that the jewellery industry, as a member of the international business community, shares a responsibility towards the greater society in seeking practical solutions towards the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, as well as to develop a global partnership for development.